

# **MESSAGE TO THE REGIMENT #101:**

# "The Engineer Blast"

Nov - Dec, 2013

# A. Overview: The Office of the Chief of Engineers is pleased to forward this 101th version of "The Engineer Blast".

Thanks for all you do and stay safe – enjoy the "BLAST!!"

NOTE: In order to further enhance communications from the major entities of the Engineer Regiment to the field, the Office, Chief of Engineers (OCE) is facilitating a process to spread Engineer knowledge from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), The United States Army Engineer School (USAES), Engineer Branch, other Engineer agencies, and our office in the Pentagon.



412<sup>th</sup> TEC - Miyako Schanely: First female Japanese-American, female Reserve engineer promoted to general officer: More

Dear Engineer Family,

I do not have the words of gratitude to express how thankful I am for your love and support during this difficult time. I also want to thank everyone who has donated to the American Legion Legacy Ride. Please know that the Legion has sent me your names so I do know of and appreciate your support. I do not have everyone's address to thank you personally so I am reaching out to all of you through the Engineer Blast.

I want to thank everyone for the outpouring of support our family has received since the loss of Mike. We have been moved by every kind and thoughtful gesture, from notes to phone calls to offers of assistance and much more. Knowing our family is part of such a warm and loving group is of great comfort to all of us. Grieving Mike within this special community is bittersweet – the loss is raw, but your love has been a balm.

Mike loved his Army family deeply and I know he would be glad that we continue to support each other during this time of sadness. It is easy to understand his passion for the Army in times like these. I know he is looking down on all of us and is glad that we have each other.

Again, thank you so much to each and every one of you. Mike's memory is clearly cherished by many and we thank you for that most of all.

With gratitude,

**Bobby Buxbaum** 

# B. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) provides the following information:

1. I am proud to announce that the Secretary of the Army has approved the reassignment of Mr. Alvin B. Lee, SES, to the position of Division Programs Director, South Atlantic Division (SAD), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Atlanta, GA, effective on 29 December 2013.

Mr. Lee brings over 28 years of military and civilian leadership, management expertise, as well as an exceptional ability to build collaborative relationships, to South Atlantic Division.

Since September 2011, Mr. Lee has served as Regional Business Director for the Mississippi Valley Division (MVD) and the Mississippi River Commission (MRC), USACE-a region that covers six districts from St. Paul,

MN to New Orleans, LA. Mr. Lee's responsibilities included principal advisor to the Commander and President, MRC, providing leadership and overall direction for the Mississippi Valley Division and subordinate Districts in operating as a Regional Business Center (RBC), administering the regional governance boards, overseeing the strategic direction, technical engineering support, water management, financial operations, as well as providing regional support to the RBC in Contracting and Resource Management for flood control, navigation, water supply and environmental restoration projects across the division.

During his tenure in MVD, Mr. Lee deployed to Afghanistan for six months as the Director, Joint Programs Integration Office, providing technical engineering and program management expertise in the areas of Military Construction, Real Estate, Environmental, Operational Energy and Water and Infrastructure for U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

From August 2010 to August 2011, then U.S. Army Colonel Lee served as Executive Director, Civil Works, HQ USACE. Prior to 2010, Mr. Lee held numerous key leadership assignments to include Commander, New Orleans District; Deputy Commander, Afghanistan Engineer District, Kabul; Commander, Charleston District; and Commander, Cold Regions Research Lab Projects Office, USACE, Fort Wainwright, AK. Additionally, Mr. Lee was a Secretary of Defense Corporate Fellow with Caterpillar, Inc., Peoria, IL.

#### **USACE NEWS:**

December 30, 2013 - USACE civilians introduced to Army life

December 30, 2013 - Corps hosts meeting with the Delaware Nation

December 30, 2013 - Corps promotes engineering skills at local schools

December 12, 2013 - Lincoln-era history comes back to life

December 12, 2013 - Corps of Engineers promotes long-term dam safety by identifying problems, engineering solutions

December 09, 2013 - Far East District commander given honorary Korean name

December 09, 2013 - Whole Neighborhood Revitalization project 'right sizes' and upgrades 84 Wiesbaden apartments

December 09, 2013 - New MOU allows Tulsa Corps STEM outreach to Langston University December 09, 2013 - Army Engineers fought and lived through the attack on Pearl Harbor

December 03, 2013 - Corps partners with local brigade to expand training opportunities for Soldiers

December 03, 2013 - Engineering the future, in 500 words or less

December 02, 2013 - USACE participates in the Society of American Military Engineers Small Business Conference

November 25, 2013 - <u>Huntsville Center's Electronic Security System team helping Fort McCoy upgrade security measures</u>
November 25, 2013 - U.S. Army Engineering and Support Center, Huntsville programs support Air Force medical mission

November 25, 2013 - Far East District engineers share their experiences with JROTC cadets

November 25, 2013 - Middle East District constructs Naval Support Activity Bahrain Flyover Bridge

November 21, 2013 - From jubilation to sorrow - President Kennedy's historic celebration at Greers Ferry Dam followed by tragedy in Dallas

November 21, 2013 - November 1963: a time of Building Strong for America

November 21, 2013 - <u>JFK 50th anniversary</u>: It's our choice to remember the dark side of history or the inspired leadership that continues to light the world

November 18, 2013 - JFK assassination remembered by 57-year Fort Worth District team member Jimmy Baggett

November 18, 2013 - Army Corps of Engineers: Keepers of the Flame

November 14, 2013 - Paying it Forward: USACE Engineers Serve as Mentors, Guest Lecturers

November 14, 2013 - Nashville District reaches women-owned small business milestone

November 14, 2013 - Corps teaches third-graders 'Regulatory 101'

November 14, 2013 - Craft recognized as BEYA STEM Science Spectrum Trailblazer

November 14, 2013 - Army Corps, U.S. Navy retrieve piece of Civil War ironclad from Savannah River

November 05, 2013 - Corps park ranger builds future leaders through Boy Scouts

November 05, 2013 - Helping heroes through hunting

November 05, 2013 - Strengthening relationships with close allies through FMS

November 05, 2013 - McHugh relights JFK Eternal Flame at Arlington National Cemetery

November 05, 2013 - Army Corps continuing to make good progress on recovery efforts one year after Hurricane Sandy

November 05, 2013 - USACE, partners build Mississippi River islands to protect aquatic habitat

- 2. The 412<sup>th</sup> Theater Engineer Command offers the following: Facebook, 412th Engineer Association,
- 3. The 416th Theater Engineer Command offers the following: Bridge Magazine, Facebook, Flicker.
- 4. Transatlantic Division (TAD):

#### Middle East District Presents Annual Recognition Awards

The awards covered fiscal year 2012 and were presented at the Middle East District's town-hall meeting on Dec. 13, 2012. Each year district employees nominate fellow coworkers to express their gratitude for each other's actions and work ethic. [Read More]

Published: Jan-04-13

#### Middle East District honors Darralyn Williams at retirement ceremony

WINCHESTER, Va. -The Middle East District's Chief of Contracting, Darralyn Williams, was honored in [Read More]

Published: Dec-28-12

#### Sealed bidding helps expedite contract awards for Afghanistan

On Nov. 19, the Middle East District employed a process it rarely uses to accelerate a contract award by holding a sealed bid opening for a construction project in Afghanistan. The sealed bidding process uses competitive bids, public opening of bids, and timely contract award to the contractor with the lowest priced, responsive bid. [Read More]

Published: Dec-12-12

#### District awards contract for tractors, trailers in Egypt

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Middle East District awarded an \$8.5 million contract Nov. 6 for tractors and trailers to be provided to the Egyptian Engineering Authority to support its operations. The equipment is being procured under the Foreign Military Sales program. [Read More]

Published: Nov-29-12

#### Middle East District awards contract for utilities infrastructure at Bagram Airfield

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Middle East District awarded a task order contract for the westside utilities infrastructure at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan on Nov. 15. The \$11.9 million task order was awarded to Contrack International, Inc., of McLean, Va. The performance period is 15 months. [Read More]

Published: Nov-20-12

#### Two border guard posts open in Tajikistan

Representatives from the U.S. and Tajikistan governments celebrated the opening of two border guard posts – in Sayod and Ribhoz, Tajikistan – during a ribbon-cutting ceremony Nov. 6. The Middle East District constructed the facilities under the Department of Defense's counternarcotics program. [Read More]

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## 5. TransAtlantic Afghanistan Freedom Builder

#### Uruzgan Afghan National Security Forces in control, Afghan National Army in new garrison

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At a key ceremony where Afghan National Security Forces assumed total responsibility for Uruzgan province security Dec. 3, the Afghan National Army, or ANA, also took control of new garrison facilities built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

6. To view "The Corps Environment", a quarterly newsletter, you are invited to click on the hyperlink:



COL Theisen, CSM Kendrick, BG Funkhouser, and CW5 Owens are "plugged in" to the virtual RCC. C. The <u>US Army Engineer School</u> (USAES) provides the following information:

### **Fall Regimental Command Council**

The fall 2013 Regimental Command Council (RCC) was held virtually on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> via Defense Connect Online (DCO). Almost 100 participants connected via the internet to listen to briefers and take part in discussion.

A virtual forum is a departure from the traditional face-to-face event that is held in November. Continued fiscal constraints, and conference guidance required that USAES find an alternate means for the Engineer Regiment's Leadership to meet and discuss topics that are important to the Regiment.

Friday's RCC began with opening remarks from the Commandant, Regimental Command Sergeant Major and Regimental Chief Warrant Officer. The session continued with briefings on selected topics.

#### Topics included:

- BEB Implementation: Task Force Engineer Gap and Integration of the CTCs
- Explosive Hazards Study
- Engineer Personnel Development Office Update
- Talent Management and Credentialing
- Key Material Initiatives
- Doctrine Overview

The session was recorded. A link to the recording will be published on Engineer School Knowledge Network (ESKN) in the coming weeks. All PowerPoint slides are available now on ESKN: <a href="https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/637460">https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/637460</a>. (CAC authentication is required)

### New Engineer Historian

It is a pleasure to introduce the new U.S. Army Engineer School Historian, Mr. David Chuber. Mr. Chuber has been a branch historian for 11 years prior to coming to the Engineer School. He was on active duty as a dual branch officer in the Infantry and Military Intelligence. He received a Masters of Adult Education from Kansas State and a Masters of Military Arts and Science in History from The U.S. Army Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth. His Bachelors in history was from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Mr. Chuber is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and was also a Command and General Staff College graduate and Senior Staff Ride instructor with the Combat Studies Institute. He is a graduate of the Infantry basic and advanced courses as well as Military Intelligence advance course and the Electronic Warfare School.

Mr. Chuber replaces Dr. David Ulbrich who resigned his position in order to pursue a professorship at Roger's State University in Oklahoma.

### **The Joint Engineer Operations Course (JEOC)**

The team recently conducted JEOC 14-01 at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Quantico, VA on 18-22 November 2013. We are currently filling JEOC Class 14-02, hosted by the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, from 14-18 April.

JEOC Graduates, as a reminder, the JEOC has been added to the database for military education on ORBs and ERBs. The code is "XCH" which will show as an entry that reads "Joint Engineer Operations". Battalion-level S-1s should now be able to add JEOC to your ORBs/ERBs and send the certificates to iPERMS as supporting documentation.

The course continues to meet the training and education requirements of Service engineers from around the world. The JEOC is on schedule to educate 300 Service engineers in their Joint Staff Engineer roles and responsibilities this training year.

The schedule below outlines the JEOC Classes for 2014. Schedule:

JEOC 14-02, USAES, Ft. Leonard Wood, MO 14-18 Apr 2014 JEOC 14-03, AFIT, WPAFB, OH, 23-27 June, 2014

JEOC 14-04, CECOS, Port Hueneme, CA, 11-15 Aug, 2014 JEOC 14-05, PACOM, Pearl Harbor, HI, 15-19 Sep, 2014

As a reminder, the Pre-requisite dL phase is open 90 days prior to class start date. To enroll, use the link:

https://engineer.bb.wood.army.mil/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp

Log in using your AKO login and password. If you have questions on the course, you may contact Mr. Dwayne Boeres at (573) 563-7065, or dwayne.e.boeres.civ@mail.mil.

JEOC POC is Shawn Howley, at 573-563-5088, email: shawn.p.howley.civ@mail.mil.

1st Engineer Brigade

Call for Platoon Leaders

1st Engineer Brigade is looking for senior 2LTs and 1LTs (primarily Year Groups 12 and 13) to PCS to the brigade from the operating force to serve as company executive officers in one of their 13 companies at Fort Leonard Wood.

If you have officers that have completed their Platoon Leader time, and you cannot get them an XO slot, please send HRC Engineer Branch their names. Branch will confirm that their timelines support a move. These officers will get 12-18 months as an XO and then stay at FLW for ECCC.

There are also executive officer billets at Sheppard Air Force Base, TX; Panama City, FL; and Gulfport, MS. (Same requirements as above for these billets.)

These opportunities open up throughout the year. If an officer meets the criteria, then Engineer Branch will need a DA4187 from their chain of command to allow them to put the officer on orders.

For more information, please contact Mrs. Lisa Tate, Engineer Branch, 502-613-6027, lisa.m.tate.civ@mail.mil

Directorate of Training and Leader Development

Engineer Diver Newsletter

It has been a great year for Engineer Divers. Check out the outstanding work performed by these highly trained Engineers in the Engineer Divers newsletter, "The Bottom Times", available to download at the following link:

https://www.us.army.mil/suite/doc/41631758 (AKO CAC authentication required.)

POC: MSG Raymond Ramirez, email: raymond.j.ramirez@us.army.mil

#### The 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion



On 6 December, 2013, the 16<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion will activate once again to rejoin the ranks of the "Ready First" as America's first Stryker Brigade Engineer Battalion. This time, the Catamounts are enhanced with the Brigade Signal, Military Intelligence, Anti-Tank/Weapons Companies, a CBRNE Platoon, and a Route Clearance Platoon. The 16<sup>th</sup> Engineers and the Catamount Soldiers stand ready and poised to perform their duties as a brigade problem solver and maneuver enabler, "Semper Ultimo, Always to the Top!"

**Engineer Doctrine** 

We are continuing to march forward in updating our Doctrine as part of the Army's "Doctrine 2015" initiative which directly supports and nests with "Army 2020." We will eventually "touch" every Engineer related publication as part of this initiative and your continued support and feedback (especially when each Final Draft Publication is distributed for World Wide Staffing for feedback) is essential to continue to produce top quality publications that are invaluable tools for the Regiment. World Wide Staffing Distribution Lists include Engineer Leaders who are MAJs and above, CW3s and above, and MSGs/1SGs and above.

FM 3-34 (Engineer Operations) should be published on the Army Publishing Directorate (APD) website NLT FEB 14. The new version of FM 3-34 will serve as the foundation for the Regiment for the next few years and will include the new Engineer Regiment "Boxtop." A Final Electronic File (essentially what will eventually be published) was distributed to the World Wide Staffing

Distribution list on 18 SEP 13.

We are actively working all 12 of the Army Techniques Publications (ATPs) that the Engineer Regiment "Owns" or is the Executive Agent for that have not been published yet.

ATP 3-90.8 (Combined Arms Countermobility) is being prepared for publication. This is a multi-service publication with the USMC. The publication has been approved by USAES and we are awaiting final approval by the USMC.

ATP 3-34.22 (EN OPS, BCT and Below) is in the Drafting Stage and we just completed a Doctrine Writing Conference (19-21 NOV) at Fort Hood with the Sponsoring Unit (36th EN BDE with assistance from 1st CAV DIV). The Writing Conference was very successful and our next step is complete a Final Draft by mid-JAN so 1/1 CAV can assist in validating it during their NTC Rotation. Following the NTC Rotation, we will make final adjustments to the Final Draft and plan to WWS the Final Draft in MAR 14. The Brigade Engineer Battalion (BEB) will be discussed in this publication.

ATP 3-34.23 (EN OPS, Echelons Above BDE) is in the Drafting Stage and we just completed a Doctrine Writing Conference (16-17 NOV) in Vicksburg, MS with the Sponsoring Units (412th and 416th Theater Engineer Commands). The next step is completing a Final Draft in the few months for WWS of the Final Draft in FEB 14.

ATP 3-90.4 (Combined Arms Mobility) is in the Drafting Stage and we just completed a Doctrine Writing Conference (In conjunction with ATP 3-34.22) at Fort Hood with the 36th EN BDE with assistance from 1st CAV DIV. As with ATP 3-34.22, out next step is to complete a Final Draft by mid-JAN so 1/1 CAV can assist in validating it during their NTC Rotation. Following the NTC Rotation, we will make final adjustments to the Final Draft and plan to WWS the Final Draft in MAR 14.

ATP 3-34.20 (Explosive Hazards) is in the Final Approved Draft stage and being prepped to send to USAES.

ATP 3-90.37 (Combined Arms C-IED) is in the Final Approved Draft stage and being prepped to send to USAES.

ATP 3-34.40 (General Engineering) is in the Final Approved Draft stage and being prepped to send to USAES. ATP 3-34.80 (Geospatial) is currently with the editors at MSCoE.

ATP 3-34.5 (Environmental Considerations) Final Draft has been adjudicated and the next step is completing the Final Approved Draft stage in the next couple of months for submission to USAES.

ATP 3-34.45 (Power Generation/Distribution) is still in the Internal Drafting Stage by the sponsoring unit (249th EN BN - Prime Power). Plan for WWS of the Final Draft in MAY 14.

ATP 3-34.81 (EN Recon) is in the Drafting Stage and we will complete a Final Draft in the next several months. Expect the Final Draft to be sent for WWS in MAY/JUN 14.

ATP 3-90.61 (BSTB) is in the Drafting Stage and we will complete a Final Draft in the next several months. Expect the Final Draft to be sent for WWS in SEP/OCT 13. The next step after WWS of the PD is completing a Final Draft in the next few months for WWS of the Final Draft in JUN 14. This will be a relatively simple conversion (minor revisions and terminology updates) to meet Doctrine 2015 guidance. The BSTB manual will be rescinded when the last National Guard BSTB converts to a BEB or is inactivated.

Our last efforts to meet Doctrine 2015 guidelines will be conversions of any remaining FMs into TMs. Due to the current OPTEMPO and resource limitations, the timelines for these conversions may be extended past Dec 2013; however, we will push to stay the course and complete these within the original timelines.

Again, I cannot stress the importance of your continued support in the review of the various publications when they are sent out for World Wide Staffing - this is the key to producing a Top Quality product. Your feedback is valued and always appreciated. Please contact our office (Mr. Doug Merrill or myself) if you have any questions/suggestions/comments.

Thank You. John C. Morrow LTC, EN

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USAES on the Network

Links have been updated as of 29 October 2013.

- Engineer School Public Page (http://www.wood.army.mil/usaes)
- U.S. Army Engineer Regiment on Facebook
- USAES Request for Information
- Engineer School Knowledge Network (ESKN)\*
- Commandant's Corner (Forum for Regimental Senior Leaders on milBook)\*\*
- Engineer Battalion Command Forum\*\*
- Regimental Command Sergeant Major's ORP (Forum for the Engineer NCO community on milBook)\*\*
- Engineer Warrant Office Group on milBook\*\*
- Engineer Personnel Development Office <u>public page</u>, <u>EPDO Group on milBook</u>\*\*
- USAES Historian public page, Group on milBook\*\*
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# D. The Engineer/ Enlisted / Warrant / Officer Branch provides the following information:

- MILPER Message Number 13-343 (STRUCTURED SELF DEVELOPMENT (SSD) SEMI-CENTRALIZED PROMOTIONS; issued 25 NOV 13). Starting 2 December 2013, SSD-1 will no longer qualify Soldiers for earning 16 promotion points for course completion and will be removed from the EMILPO correspondence course table. Soldiers who have completed SSD-1 will notice a decrease of 16 promotions points due to this adjustment. Unit commanders must ensure specialists (SPC) and corporals (CPL) complete SSD-1 before recommending them for promotion board appearance or command list integration (CLI) to SGT effective with the promotion board cycle for 1 January 2014. On or about 1 January 2014, all promotable SPCs and CPLs who have not completed SSD-1 will be automatically removed from the SGT recommended list (as ineligible).
- Army Directive 2013-21 (Initiating Separation Proceedings and Prohibiting Overseas Assignments for Soldiers Convicted of Sex Offenses; issued 7 November 2013). This directive establishes new policy concerning retention of any Soldier convicted of a sex offense, as well as the prohibition of an overseas assignment for any Soldier convicted of a sex offense. Commanders will initiate administrative separation of any Soldier convicted of a sex offense (as defined by Title 42, United States Code, Section 16911 and AR 27-10, Military Justice) whose conviction did not result in a punitive discharge or dismissal. This applies to all currently serving regardless of component or the conviction date.
- 12M Firefighter Certification Requirements. The U.S. Army Engineer School (USAES) has identified Soldiers within the 12M MOS, Firefighter, (both active and reserve components) who are not certified to their current grade and duty position. USAES has taken measures to implement Army regulatory guidance to ensure Soldiers in the MOS are certified in their current duty positions.
- Command Teams to Engineer PCC. Engineer Pre-Command Course at Fort Leonard Wood is primarily viewed as a course to help prepare officers for Battalion and Brigade Command. This course is also open to Command Sergeants Majors to attend with their commanders to build a command team; unfortunately, the attendance by CSM has been very sporadic. The Regiment is working to change this and increase CSM's PCC attendance.

# E. The Office of the Chief of Engineers provides the following information:

Units can check their campaign credit at the following website: <a href="http://www.history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/eng/default.htm">http://www.history.army.mil/html/forcestruc/lineages/branches/eng/default.htm</a>

Units that are authorized colors and are eligible but have not yet been awarded CPC for service during one or more campaigns must submit the following supporting documents:

- Unit Deployment Orders
- MTOE
- UIC/DUIC
- Dates/location of participation
- Unit's assigned and authorized strength
- Percentage of authorized strength participating
- Memorandum of endorsement from the first general officer in the chain of command

This documentation must be scanned and e-mailed to HRC for approval: <a href="mailed-to-HRCAWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL">HRCAWARDS@CONUS.ARMY.MIL</a>.

#### From the Desk of the Office of the Chief of Engineers Chief of Staff (Reserve Affairs)

As we go into the Holiday season, there is so much that we have currently going on as it relates to Regimental Integration, I wanted to get that out to the field as it is ALL about the field, and as always, we always need your assistance and feedback:

CHIEF OF ENGINEERS RESERVE COMPONENT COUNCIL (CRCC)/CHIEF OF ENGINEERS COMMAND COUNCIL Next CRCC – the next meeting of the CRCC and CCC will be 31 JAN 13 through 01 FEB 14 at HQ, USACE. The Castle Ball will be the evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> in Crystal City, is separate from this event, but attendance at both will be easily accommodated. This will be the first time in a long while where USACE Division Commanders, Theater Engineer Command Commanding Generals, and Active/Guard/Reserve Brigade Commanders will all be in one place, along with USAES Key Leadership, ASCC DCSENGRs, USACE LNOs at GCC/ASCC), FORSCOM, HRC, key component stakeholders (NGB/USARC) and HQDA and Joint Staff. This senior level discussion will be tackling the many and various themes that we have been discussing over the past six months, especially under the lens of fiscally austere times ahead. Key topics of discussion will include:

- · Chief of Engineers address
- Panel discussion on Net Zero for Training (and providing low/no cost means of building readiness created by decremented funding in MILCON/O&M/SRM/Civil Works)
- Regional Alignment break-out discussions involving all components and the way ahead for building readiness and seeking alternative funding streams when possible
- Talent Management Discussion led by HRC on newest Broadening Opportunities, mentoring challenges, and future force shaping and the role of the leader
- Force Structure and Fiscal Realities as led by key HQDA staff in a key Regimental leaders "need to know" our fiscal future and where the leadership can provide key and critical feedback as we shape the Regiment moving forward.
- Traditional CRCC which will include Working group progress reports from the DSCA and Equipping Working Group as well as the establishment of the Training and Integration Working Group (TIWG) which will tackle Exercises, Troop Construction, Credentialing and certification, and Mobilization and Validation.

#### Army of 2020 TEC Campaign Plan (ATCP)

The TEC Senior Working Group recently published an article, "The Theater Engineer Command Supporting the Army of 2020" in the Engineer Bulletin. This is a great primer for what the TEC actually does for our Regiment and how they can assist in Regimental integration. Numerous representatives from both the 412<sup>th</sup> and 416<sup>th</sup> TEC will be attending the CRCC/CCC, so plz engage them in discussion and your challenges. Both TEC Commanding Generals are preparing for a briefing to the Chief of Engineers on the Army of 2020 Theater Engineer Command Campaign Plan (ATCP) early in the New Year.

**BEB Implementation** – The Office, Chief of Engineers continues monthly Worldwide Fusion SVTCs of which BEB implementation is a major topic, as well as global Regimental issues. OCE also holds a bi-weekly SVTC solely dedicated to the issues associated with BEB implementation. What is key for this venue is that the ARNG is equally impacted by this major force structure action and has the opportunity to participate and contribute, and articulate issues from an ARNG perspective to major stakeholders to include the DA Staff (G 3 FM, G8), HRC, and FORSCOM. If you would like more information on participating in the venue, plz contact me or COL Jeff Peterson directly.

#### **IMA Program and PFI Tours**

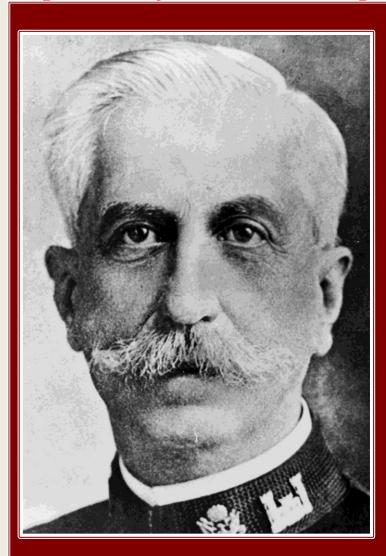
My office is responsible for the administration of both the Individual Mobilization Augmentee program (which supports both HQ, USACE as well as subordinate Divisions and Districts), as well as numerous tour opportunities (both CONUS and OCONUS) that support the operational needs of the Army. Should any of you have questions regarding affiliation with the IMA program (a great opportunity to serve in a non-standard fashion (meaning you do not drill on a regular schedule, but rather a more flexible schedule based on unit needs and your availability (48 UTAs and 12 days of Annual Training))); please contact MSG Angela Reid at <a href="mailto:angela.m.reid@usace.army.mil">angela.m.reid@usace.army.mil</a>. If you desire more information on tour opportunities through this office (or be informed as they arise

in the future through e-mail), SSG Ricardo Hamer serves as the main recruiting POC and can be reached at Ricardo.Hamer@usace.army.mil.

Wishing all members of the team and their Families the happiest of Holiday seasons, and looking forward to seeing many of you at the CRCC/CCC at the end of January 2014. I look forward to continuing to serve with you and as always, I can be reached at adam.s.roth2.mil@mail.mil. "Essayons!"

Adam S. Roth COL, EN Chief of Staff (Reserve Affairs)

# F: Engineer History: The 26th Chief of Engineers – BG William Trent Rossell



# **Brigadier General William Trent Rossell**

Chief of Engineers

(August 12, 1913-October 11, 1913)

William Rossell was born in Alabama on October 11, 1849, the son and grandson of U.S. Army officers, and he graduated third in the Military Academy Class of 1873. Commissioned in the Corps of Engineers, he served until 1880 at Willets Point and as assistant professor of engineering at the Military Academy. He then engaged in river, harbor, and fortification work in regions around Portland, Maine: Jacksonville, Florida: and Vicksburg, Mississippi. Rossell served in 1891-1893 as the engineer commissioner on the three-member governing board of the District of Columbia. After briefly commanding the Battalion of Engineers, he led Mobile District for six years. He then supervised lighthouse construction and repair in the New York area and, later, Ohio River improvements. He was a member of the Mississippi River Commission from 1906 to 1913, as well as Central Division Engineer in 1908-1909 and Eastern Division Engineer in 1909-1913. After two months serving as Chief of Engineers, Rossell retired October 11, 1913, but was recalled to active service in 1917. He led the Third New York and Puerto Rico Districts and was Northeast Division Engineer. He again retired in 1918. He died October 11, 1919, in Staten Island, New York.

### Rossell, Gen. William Trent b. 11 Oct 1849 - d. 11 Oct 1919 70 yrs. R65/181

Rossell. On Saturday, October 11, 1919 at his residence, New Brighton, Staten Island, Brig. Gen. William Trent Rossell, Corps of Engineers, U.S.A., aged 70 years. Funeral services at Congressional cemetery on Wednesday, October 15 at 10 a.m.

The Evening Star, October 13, 1919, p. 17

Gen. Wm. T. Rossell Dies at New Brighton

Former Engineer Commissioner of the District --

Burial to Be Made Here

Brig. Gen. William T. Rossell, U.S.A., retired former Engineer Comissioner of the District of Columbia, and later chief of engineers of the Army, died at his home, at New Brighton, N.Y., Saturday night on the seventieth anniversary of his birthday. His body will be brought to this city for burial in the Congressional cemetery.

Gen. Rossell was from Alabama and was a star graduate of the United States Military Academy in the year of 1873. His entire service was in the Engineer Corps in which he reached the grade of brigadier general in August 1913. He was attached to the District government for four years, from November 1, 1889, first as assistant to the Engineer Commissioner and then as Engineer

Commissioner. He was retired for age October 11, 1913 while holding the office of chief of engineers of the Army. In 1882 he was married to Miss Jean Graham Ellis, a daughter of Gov. A.W. Ellis of North Carolina. Three daughters and four sons survive him. A fifth son, Daves, was killed in the fighting at Verdun.

New York Times, October 13, 1919, p. 13

Dies on 70th Birthday

Gen. Rossell Served in War with Four Sons, One Killed at Verdun

Brig. Gen. William Trent Rossell, U.S.A. retired, died on Saturday night at his home, 7 Phelps Place, New Brighton, S.I., on the seventieth anniversary of his birth. In the late war he offered his services to the Government and was made a member of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, of which he had been President from 1909 until his retirement in 1913.

General Rossell was married in 1882 to Miss Jean Graham Ellis, a daughter of former Governor John W. Ellis of North Carolina. Four of his five sons served in the world war, the youngest, Davis, being killed near Verdun.

The Evening Star, October 15, 1919, p. 7

Rites for General Rossell

Retired Army Officer's Body Buried in Congressional Cemetery

Military honors marked the burial in the Congressional Cemetery today of the body of Brig. Gen. William Trent Rossell, U.S.A., retired who died at New Brighton, New York, Saturday in his 70th year. The funeral party was met at the Union station by a detachment of cavalry from Ft. Myer and a detachment of engineers from Camp Humphreys.

The Evening Star, June 1, 1913, p. 10

Col. Rossell To Be Relieved

In view of approaching retirement, Col. William T. Rossell, Corps of Engineers will shortly be relieved of his duties in the third New York district by Col. Frederic V. Abbott, now stationed at Boston. Col. John Mills stationed at Newport, R.I. will assume temporary charge of the Boston engineer district.

The Evening Star, August 12, 1913, p. 1

Rossell In Charge As Head Of Bureau

Succeeds Gen. Bixby as Chief of Engineers of the Army

Promoted To The Rank of Brigadier General

Former Engineer Commissioner of the District Signally Honored. Retires in October

Brig. Gen. William T. Rossell this morning relieved Brig. Gen William H. Bixby at the War Department of the duties of chief of engineers of the army. There were no special ceremonies connected with the transfer of the office. Gen. Rossell subscribed to the regulation oath of office and received the officials of the bureau,

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including all the engineer officers on duty there. These officers at the same time took official leave of Gen. Bixby, who made the introductions to the new chief. No other changes are expected to follow the induction of Gen. Rossell for the reason that his incumbency will continue only until October 11 next; when he will be transferred to the retired list on account of age.

No one yet has been selected as permanent chief of engineers from that date. Col. Dan C. Kingman is next in line of promotion with Col. William M. Black, formerly Engineer Commissioner of the District second in line. Lieut. Col. William L. Sibert, one of Col. Goethals' chief assistants on the Panama canal, who stands number eighteen in the corps, has strong backing for the prospective vacancy.

Col. Goethals is eliminated from the field of possible appointees only because of the general belief that his great work on the Panama canal is to be recognized in some other way, possibly by appointment as a major general of the line.

Gen. Rossell's Record

Gen. Rossell is quite well known to the citizens of the District through his former service with the District government. He is from Alabama, and was graduated number two in the class of 1873, in which Gen. Bixby was the star member. The new chief of engineers reached the grade of colonel of engineers in February, 1908, and was the senior officer of that grade when promoted to his present office. He served five years with troops, part of the time in the capacity of captain of a company and instructor, and for a while as commanding officer of the Engineer School of Application in its formative stage. He also served four years (1876-80) as instructor and assistant professor of civil and military engineering at the West Point Military Academy. He was a member of the lighthouse bord when it was dissolved, and had charge of the principal lighthouse district and the lighthouse general depot, Staten Island, for five years from 1901 to 1906.

He served as assistant to the Engineer Commissioner of the District of Columbia for one year and as Engineer Commissioner for two years (1890-1893). He was the senior member of the engineer department fortification board, and of the New York harbor line board for the past four years; a division engineer in the supervision of river and harbor districts for six years, and an active member of the Mississippi river commission for six years (1906-1912), part of the time its acting president. Most of his other service was devoted to important river and harbor work in various parts of the country.

Commended by Gen. Bixby

In retiring voluntarily four months ahead of his allotted time, Gen. Bixby made a strong and successful plea for the promotion of Col. Rossell to the vacancy. "If careful attention to duty," said Gen. Bixby, "and valuable services under all assignments of past duty are to be considered as meriting retirement as a brigadier general, I consider Col Rossell especially entitled to such reward.

"Repeatedly and almost constantly ever since his graduation he has been called upon to take charge of work requiring qualifications more than ordinary, and in all cases the response has been prompt and full, even when already burdened with more than one man's proper allowance of work.

"Considering the duties which have fallen to him, the thoroughness with which they have been performed and the less than averge recompense which he has so far received from the government for the same, his promotion to brigadier general at the present time would not be more reward than the promotion of officers in the regular service at the present time to the grade of lieutenant colonel or colonel.

"His ability, efficiency and faithfulness to duty have always been such that, had he been originally assigned to the infantry or cavalry service, I feel sure that he would have been promoted serveral years ago to a brigadier generalship, with good chances of being considered now for a major generalship."

The Evening Star, September 24, 1913, p. 1

Col. Kingman May Head Engineers Of The Army

Brig. Gen. Rossell Will Go On Retired List In October

Secretary Garrison is authority, for the statement that a chief of engineers of the army will be appointed shortly to succeed Brig. Gen. William T. Rossell, who will be transferred to the retired list on account of age October 11. Although not officially admitted, there is good reason for the belief that Col. Dan C. Kingman, the senior colonel in the corps, may be promoted to the vacancy. . . .

Cullum. Biographical Register of the U.S. Military Academy

Class of 1873: William T. Rossell

Born Alabama. Appointed from New Jersey. Ranked 3rd of ??.

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Cadet at the Military Academy, July 1, 1869, June 24, 1819 to July 1, 1823 when he was graduated and promoted in the Army to 2d Lieut., 2d Infantry.

# G. Special Interest:

It is with deep regret that we inform you of the death of BG(R) Kenneth E. McIntyre who passed away on 19 December 2013. A veteran of the Vietnam War, BG(R) McIntyre retired in 1977 after over 28 years of service. He was 87 years old at the time of his death. During the latter part of his career he served as Deputy Director of Civil Works, Office, Chief of Engineers, Washington, DC and later as Division Engineer, United States Army Engineer Division, South Atlantic, Atlanta, Georgia. BG(R) McIntyre is survived by his wife, Michaela. Interment was held on 23 December 2013 in Leesburg, VA.

See links below to view hardcore Wolverine 12Ts in one of the Army's latest commercials.

The star of the show is PFC Robert Engel and his parents.

In addition to the commercials, some of the footage is being used for the Army's 12T homepage.

12T Commercial: <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avx5S3apwCo">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=avx5S3apwCo</a>

Drill Sergeant/Graphic Artist (w/12T cameo @ the end): <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eF8hopcuY8">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1eF8hopcuY8</a>

This link will take you to the third edition of the Sapper Sentinel, the newsletter of the U.S. Theater Engineer Brigade in Afghanistan (while under 130th Engineer Brigade command): <a href="http://www.dvidshub.net/publication/issues/14771">http://www.dvidshub.net/publication/issues/14771</a>

It includes several stories about the great things our engineers are accomplishing in support of ISAF and Operation Enduring Freedom, including partnership with Afghan Army engineers.

H. Recurring Links: Engineer Casualties; PASSAGES; Military OneSource Transatlantic

Division Topographic Engineering Center; United States Army Engineer Research and Development Center; Joint Task Force North; ENGINEER UNIT REGIMENTAL LINKS; Maneuver Support Center of Excellence Great Lakes and Ohio River Division, Mississippi Valley Division, North Atlantic Division, Northwestern Division, Pacific Ocean Division, South Atlantic Division, South Pacific Division, Southwestern Division,

# I. Engineers Supporting Engineers—Professional Organizations Links:

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### Army Engineer Association: AEA News; Army Engineer Association Programs; Membership.

1. FORT LEONARD WOOD ENGINEER WEEK 2014 / AEA INDUSTRY EXHIBITION

The Army Engineer Association is proud to conduct the FORT LEONARD WOOD ENGINEER WEEK 2014 / AEA INDUSTRY EXHIBITION. Fort Leonard Wood Engineer Week 2014 is scheduled for 21–25 April. The exhibit will run from 21–23 April.

AEA has organized and conducted a Vendor Exhibit at Fort Leonard Wood, MO, annually over the past 19 years. With government travel restrictions ongoing, there is no better opportunity for Industry to display their products and services to the Engineer community at Fort Leonard Wood. Last year, the Engineer School Commandant and staff were available and willing to meet every vendor displaying.

Save the dates now: 21–23 April 2014 | AEA INDUSTRY EXHIBITION | Fort Leonard Wood, MO

For details, contact CSM (Ret) Julius Nutter at 573.329.6678 or flw@armyengineer.com

- 2. AEA has an online Career Center linked on our home page at <a href="http://www.armyengineer.com/AEA\_career\_center\_v1.htm">http://www.armyengineer.com/AEA\_career\_center\_v1.htm</a>. It is a capability dedicated to linking our Individual Members seeking job info with our Supporting Firm Members looking for quality employees.
- 3. Our Engineer community has a sizable number of combat wounded. AEA Supporting Firm Members want to help them, but we need everyone working to ID and link those wounded soldiers with our Industry partners. Help us get the word out.
- 4. For AEA Member information -- please share with anyone you know who may have an interest in this program. Members may validate member status at the member portal at <a href="https://www.armyengineer.com">www.armyengineer.com</a>.

Every Engineer MOS soldier is eligible for membership in the Engineer Regiment's fraternal organization, the Army Engineer Association.

AEA is the nucleus of the Regimental network, providing information and services to Engineer **Soldiers** now serving and **Veterans** through:

- Bi-monthly magazine, Army Engineer
- Discount insurance and banking services through AFBA
- Career and Job Services
- Memorials to Units and Individuals
- Support to Engineer Fallen and Wounded
- Performance Excellence Awards for Junior and Senior Personnel
- Academic Scholarships for Individuals and Family Members
- Support to the Army Engineer Museum

#### 5. Popular Downloads

- The Evolution of Fort Leonard Wood from 1941 to 2010. Photographic essay that shows how much the "home" for Army Engineers has changed over the years.
- The Inseparable Bonds of Engineer Service: Click here, for a 12-page PDF file to learn more about why being an Army Engineer veteran is so special.
  - Engineer OCS Graduates: Click here for an 8-page PDF file about Engineer OCS, Fort Belvoir, VA 1966-1967.
- Engineer Equipment Development over the Years: Click here for a first hand report written by a retired Army Combat Engineer, who went on to a very successful career with Caterpillar, Inc.
- **Women in Engineering:** Click **here** to read about women who once served in the military as engineers, and who later went on to successful careers with industry...pathways opening for them by their excellence.

<sup>\*</sup> AEA is now on Facebook -- http://www.facebook.com/pages/Army-Engineer-Association/154530869611

\* See Engineer Regiment NEWS at AEA website - http://www.armyengineer.com

### Society of American Military Engineers : The Military Engineer: Membership : Bricks & Clicks

1. . **SAME membership** offers industry professionals and service members in the A/E/C, facility management and environmental fields the opportunity to connect through national and regional events, build those relationships through our <u>worldwide network of Posts</u>, and engage in training and development to improve their skill set and that of the nation's military engineering workforce.

<u>Join Online Today</u>! SAME offers for a one-time \$60 fee continuous membership throughout the duration of your time in uniform, as well as reduced rate pricing tiers for public sector and private sector employees.

2. **Education & Training**: Continue your professional education at SAME <u>local and national events</u>, including regional training symposiums and the annual <u>Joint Engineer Training Conference & Expo</u> (JETC).

SAME's Continuing Education Program includes a vast array of continuing education courses geared toward providing in-depth information for professionals working in the DOD marketplace. SAME also offers five courses through our Strategic Partners including the Design-Build Institute of America (DBIA) and the Society for Marketing Professional Services (SMPS). All courses provide PDHs and many offer additional continuing education or learning units that have been approved by other organizations and certification programs.

In an effort to bring these timely educational opportunities to professionals in their local area, SAME Posts and Military Installations may select courses of specific interest and serve as the host for the training. SAME HQ does the rest. The benefit is that local members get access to education that meets their specific needs—and they get it at a location that is conveniently located near their home or office.

Posts or Installations interested in hosting educational sessions can contact Belle Febbraro, SAME Program Manager, at 703-924-2616, or <a href="mailto:bfebbraro@same.org">bfebbraro@same.org</a>.

- 3. **Committees & Councils**: Engage with others in professional disciplines such as Facility Asset Management, Energy & Sustainability, Joint Engineer Contingency Operations, Small Business, or new in 2013, Architectural Practice. Participating in <a href="SAME's Committees & Councils">SAME's Committees & Councils</a> is a great chance to help shape the conversation among other leaders and decision-makers across DOD and industry.
- 4. . Career Opportunities: Transitioning from military service? Retiring from federal government? Looking for a new and exciting position in the A/E/C industry? If the answer to any of these questions is YES, place your resume on the <a href="SAME">SAME</a> <a href="Job Center">Job Center</a>! The site is utilized by hundreds of companies that gain access to your resume through their placement of job announcements and best of all it's free for SAME Members!

Also check out the annual <u>SAME Transition Workshop & Job Fair</u>—a great way to connect with SAME Sustaining Member firms and public agencies as you leave the service or are just looking for new career opportunities!

- 5... **Information Services—In Print and Online:** Stay on top of developments in the A/E/C field through our industry-leading publication, <u>TME—The Military Engineer</u> magazine and the new *TME Online*, where you'll discover in-depth features on contracting and design, environmental engineering, civil works and infrastructure resilience, emerging technology, energy and sustainability, engineering lessons learned from the battlefield, and much more.
- 6. The editorial staff is always accepting article submissions on a variety of topics, so check out the Editorial Calendar today or contact the TME editor for more.

The <u>Directory of Member Companies and Organizations</u> can point you in the right direction when starting a new project, while <u>Bricks & Clicks</u> and <u>SAME's Flickr page</u> bring you news, notes and photos from events year-round!

7. **Future Engineers:** SAME continues to reach out to aspiring engineers through its Student Chapter program—now at 49 colleges and universities across the country. SAME membership is FREE for students and provides them with opportunities for leadership and mentorship, plus potential internships or first jobs. To learn more about the

SAME College Outreach program, please visit www.same.org/college.

### **Army Engineer Spouses' Club:**

- 1.. The Army Engineer Spouses' Club (AESC) would like to personally invite you to become a member. Membership is open to spouses of all Active, National Guard, Reserve, Retired US Army Engineers and all USACE Civilian employees worldwide. AESC offers a monthly Castle Gram newsletter and activities in the greater Washington DC area as well as scholarship opportunities. For more information, please visit our website, <a href="http://armyengineerspouses.com/">http://armyengineerspouses.com/</a> When at our website, don't forget to visit our Castle Boutique you don't have to be a member to order, just click the shopping cart!
- 2.. Membership Benefits: Becoming a member of the only worldwide Engineer network for those other than Active Duty Military, you will receive a 10% discount at the Castle Boutique -our online Engineer boutique- receive the monthly newsletter- the Castle Gram- be able to join others for monthly outings in the DC area & receive the yearly Red Book Castle Directory.

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club announces the availability of the 2014 Army Engineer Memorial Awards and the 2014 Geraldine K. Morris Award.

The Army Engineer Memorial Awards were established in 1973 as a living memorial to Engineer Officers killed in Vietnam and are given annually to honor all Engineer Officers who died in the line of duty. To qualify for an award, you must be a graduating high school senior who is a citizen of the United States and whose sponsor, parent, or legal guardian is a U.S. Army Engineer (active duty, retired or deceased) or current Department of the Army employee of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. The scholarships are open to students in all fields of study and are based on academic and extracurricular achievement during high school. All monies awarded must be applied toward tuition or scholastic expenses at a college, university, technical or vocational school.

The Geraldine K. Morris Award was established in 2006. Mrs. Morris served as an Army nurse, was Honorary President of the Army Engineer Spouses' Club and wife of the 44th Chief of Engineers, LTG (Ret) John Morris. The award designed to honor her service and memory is available to a graduating high school senior who intends to enroll in a program leading to a nursing degree or certification, and is a citizen of the United States whose sponsor, parent, or legal guardian is a U.S. Army Engineer (active duty, retired or deceased) or current Department of the Army employee of the United States Army Corps of Engineers. This award will be renewable based on the student's GPA and their maintaining full-time enrollment in a nursing program.

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club, through efforts of its membership and outside contributors, has established a permanent fund for the perpetuation of the Army Engineer Memorial Award. Individuals may make a tax-deductible contribution to this fund, either as a gift or as a memorial.

Thank you for your interest in the Army Engineer Memorial Awards. The 2013-2014 application will go online Dec. 1, 2013. Applications are due Feb. 29, 2014. Applications can be found at <a href="http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/scholarships.html">http://www.armyengineerspouses.com/scholarships.html</a>. Applications must be postmarked by February 29, 2014. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:scholarships@armyengineerspouses.com">scholarships@armyengineerspouses.com</a>. For more information about scholarship donations, contact the AEMA Chairman at <a href="mailto:aema@aesc.com">aema@aesc.com</a>.

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#### Welcome

The Army Engineer Spouses' Club welcomes membership from spouses of all U.S. Army Engineers, civilian employees of USACE and, with approval of the Executive Board, other persons who are associated with the Corps of Engineers.

#### **Announcements**

The Army Engineer Spouses Club is proud to announce two ways to join the club!! New and returning members can use our <u>online form</u> and pay via PayPal or credit card.

Or

Download and print out the membership form (.pdf), fill it out and send it in

### See the membership page for more information.

# **Your Volunteer Experience**

We would like to request your help. We are looking for stories regarding volunteer experiences that have been meaningful or interesting to share. We would like to publish them in upcoming issues of the Castle Gram. Do you have a story to share? We would love to hear it!

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